

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2645 - SB 2825

February 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires \$30,000 minimum bail for defendant charged with a sexual offense if the victim is less than 16 years of age.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- In the absence of relevant data, it is assumed that bonds for sexual offenses against minors other than statutory rape are currently set above \$30,000 in most cases. The number of prosecuted statutory rape cases is relatively low. Of the cases in which the amount of bond will be increased under this bill, the number of offenders who would have been released on bond under the lower amount will not be significantly greater than the number released under the higher amount. There will be no significant increase in costs to local governments for additional jail time for persons who are unable to post bond.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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